

Let's get acquainted

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by Ruby M. Compton

Farrel G. Payne is Deputy Sheriff of Wasatch County, and is well liked for his personality and his ability to do his work well.

Farrel and his two younger sisters, Kathleen and Lynda, were all born in Heber City, their parents being Eugene D. and Althea Murdock Payne. Farrel was born on May 30, 1932.

Gene was from Cannon City, Colorado, the city where the state prison is situated, and Althea is a local woman of Heber, Utah. Her people were among the early settlers of Heber Valley.

Gene and Althea met while both of them were students at the old Wasatch High School shortly after the Payne family moved to Heber.

The background of the Payne family is rather interesting so it will be included here. B.C. Payne used to work on cattle drivers in Texas. He didn't like his name, Bathoon, so he avoided using it and was known as B.C. Payne. Farrel said, "Uncle Athel was assistant Superintendent of the Cannon Prison farm, and cousin Richard was an electrician at the Cannon Prison. Uncle Elmer was a security officer at Cannon River for 16 years.

The town of Heber, Utah, drew up the article of incorporation in 1902, and when the election was held in 1903, Althea's father, Alfonzo B. Murdock (called Fonney or A.B. Murdock) was elected as a 2 year councilman of the newly incorporated town of Heber, Utah. Fonney died at the age of 92.

Farrel's father, Gene, served Wasatch County as Sheriff for 18 years. He had to retire because of a heart attack, just two years short of the twenty he had hoped for. Gene had kept abreast of the educational requirements to teach in high school, and this was the work he assumed after leaving the law enforcement program, in which he had gained some prominence in Utah. In 1957, Gene taught Drivers Ed. and science at the old Wasatch High School.

Farrel enjoyed his years in high school. He lettered for three years with the Wasatch football team. After graduation he worked for Veril Wright and Joe Thomas before working in the Park Utah and New Park miners for several years. However, he had been out of high school about a year when he met Maxine Duke while at "Scrappy's Cafe" in Charleston, Utah. Their courtship continued for 6 months. Then he asked her to marry him and they were married on Nov. 10, 1951 in Maxine's grandparents home in Heber City.

Maxine is the daughter of Lois



Mr. and Mrs. Farrel Payne

in Wasatch to 20½ years. He is well suited to do this work, and takes pride in maintaining the Payne tradition of being a fine law enforcement officer.

Maxine has raised her children and made a comfortable home as well as working for fifteen years for the Wasatch County school lunch program. She enjoys keeping busy. She sang with the Choralettes for some time and hopes to join the chorus again.

Farrel and Maxine are the parents of two children, Marcia,

who married Jerry Heart. He is a contractor, and she operates, "The Pooch Place" in Salt Lake City, Utah. Kent Payne married Susan Sabey and they have one girl. Kent works for the Wasatch Mt. State Park.

The family enjoys boating, fishing and hunting, and as many family "get togethers" as they can manage to arrange.

We appreciate the service this family has done for the folks of Wasatch County, and wish them continued good fortune.

helping her husband, Guy, in his work as Wasatch County Assessor. Together, they were popular and well prepared to continue in this work for many years. Maxine was more like a daughter to Gladys and Guy who loved to have their grandchildren spend a lot of time in their home.

Farrel and Maxine Payne spent their first years of marriage in Heber City and the next years as a highway patrol out of Wendover, Utah. The next year was spent working at Echo Canyon, Utah, then he returned to Heber City on Jan. 1, 1957.

Farrel and Maxine were glad to be back in Heber. It was good to be with their loved ones again. This move was made possible when Farrel became Deputy Sheriff of Wasatch County, with Floyd L. Witt as Sheriff. He served for 16 years as Deputy with Sheriff Witt, and then Mike Spanos became Sheriff. Farrel has continued these 4½ years as Deputy bringing his total years of service

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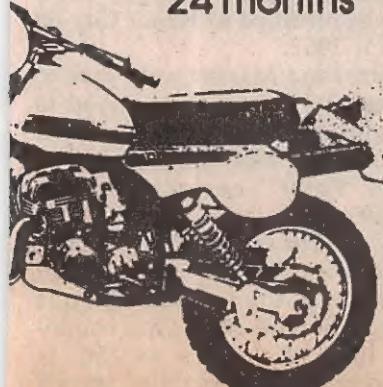


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